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-2- 300, AUGUST 23, 11 PM, FROM: BERLIN

ONE BERLIN COMMAND TOUR BUS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITED AND RETURNED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

BERLIN COMMAND SEDAN CONTAINING MAJOR AND THREE ENLISTED MEN HARASSED AFTERNOON AND 22 IN EACT BERLIN AND HELD UP FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR AT EXIT POINT FRIEDRICHSTRASSE, ALLEGEDLY ON GROUNDS "MISBEHAVIOR." ONLY WEST BERLINERS WHO ABLE ENTER EAST BERLIN SO FAR REPORTEDLY ANE THOSE EMPLOYED IN SOVSECTOR OR INVOLVED INTERZONAL TRADE. THERE NO INDICATION NEW ENTRY PERMITS FOR WEST BERLINERS YET BEING ISSUED.

ALONG SECTOR-SECTOR BORDER AND AT NUMBER OF POINTS ON WEST BERLIN-SOVZONE BORDERS, WORK ON GARRIERS CONTINUES AT HEAVY PACE. STONE AND CONCRETE WALLS BEING MADE HIGHER AND/OR TOPPED WITH BARBED WIRE; NEW WALLS, BARBED WIRE FENCES AND ENTANGLEMENTS BEING INSTALLED, DITCHES DUG ACROSS STREETS, BORDER STRIPS CLEARED OF TREES AND UNDERBRUSH.

IN CONJUNCTION INITIATION US PATROLS AT SECTOR-SECTOR BORDER, BERLIN COMMAND HELICOPTER MADE 14-MINUTE FLIGHT AT 300-FT. ALTITUDE OVER HEAVILY POPULATED PORTIONS EAST BERLIN AND RETURNED WITHOUT INCIDENT. FLIGHT PLAN FILED BASE BEFOREHAND FOR "LOCAL FLIGHT."

- 2. WEST BERLIN: DENOUNCING LATEST EASTERN ACTIONS IN PRESS STATEMENT, SENAT SAID ALLIED RIGHTS DEEPLY AFFECTED, IN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO EAST GERMAN PLANS OPEN PERMITISSUING OFFICES TO SERVICE WEST BERLINERS AT SHAHN STATIONS AM ZOO AND WESTKREUZ, SENAT STATED IT WOULD NOT PERMIT ESTABLISHMENT ANY GOR OFFICES IN WEST BERLIN.
- 3. S-BAHN: S-BAHN TRAIN OBSERVED RUNNING BETWEEN ANHALTER AND POTSDAMER PLATZ STATIONS AT 3-MINUTE INTERVALS WITH BROKEN WINDOWS AND CARRITIE FOLLOWING SIGNBOARDS:

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"THESE PANES WERE BROKEN BETWEEN FRIEDRICHSTRASSE AND WANNSE ON NIGHT OF AUG 17-18"; "REPAIR COSTS AMOUNT TO DM SOO".

EAST GERMAN RALROAD OFFICIALS CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE IN FORMER REICHSBAHN DIRE KTION BUILDING IN US SECTOR, MISSION OFFICERS ATTEMPTING TO ATTEND WERE DENIED ENTRANCE BY TOUGHS, BUT LEARNED FROM NEWSPAPERMEN EMERGING FROM MEETING THAT SPEAKER, CITING ALLEGED INSTANCES OF DAMAGE TO S-BAHN PROPERTY IN RECENT DAYS, HAD THREATENED ACTION AGAINST INTERZONAL TRAIN TRAFFIC IF VANDALISM NOT STOPPED. WEST BERLIN AUTHORITIES ISSUED STRONG PUBLIC APPEAL TO DESIST FROM ACTS OF VANDALISM AGAINST S-BAHN,

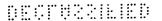
UNION AND SENAT SOURCES REPORT S-BAHN BOYCOTT GREAT SUCCESS. PATRONAGE ESTIMATED AT 10-20 PER CENT OF PRE-BOYCOTT LEVEL; THOSE STILL USING S-BAHN BELIEVED TO BE SED MEMBERS AND SYMPATHIZERS PLUS HOLDERS PREPAID WEEKLY AND MONTHLY COMMUTATION TICKETS. TRADE UNIONS URGING MEMBERS CONTINUE BOYCOTT. SENAT OFFICIAL NOTED ALL TRAINS NOW RUNNING ARE "HALF TRAINS" (4 COACHES) WHEREAS PREVIOUSLY 8-COACH, 6- COACH, AND 4-COACH TRAINS WERE USED. AT COMMANDANTS REQUEST, POLICE INSTRUCTED ENFORCE ORDERLY PICKETING, 1.E., NO PHYSICAL INTERFERENCE WITH S-BAHN PATRONS.

4. REFUGEES: CERTAIN NUMBER REFUGEES CONTINUE TRICKLE
THROUGH IN DRAMATIC FASHION. THIRTEEN SOVSECTOR RESIDENTS
FLED THROUGH SEWER SYSTEM, BRICKLAYER WORKING ON WALL
AT SECTOR-SECTOR BORDER HOPPED OVER INTO WEST BERLIN.
YOUNG GIRL JUMPED FROM FIRST FLOOR WINDOW OF HOUSE IN
EAST SECTOR INTO STREET BELOW, WHICH IN WEST SECTOR,
BREAKING LEG. PRESS REPORTED YESTERDAY EVENING ELDERLY
EAST BERLIN WOMAN JUMPED TO DEATH FROM THIRD STORY
WINDOW UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

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